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SUBJECT: CSCE: ARAB ROLE

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL
JUNE 26, AMBASSADOR DUCCI, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS AT ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, OBSERVED THAT
MINTOFF WILL RAISE ISSUE OF TUNISIAN- ALGERIAN PARTICIPA-
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TION IN CSCE AT PHASE I MINISTERIAL AND THAT GOI IS FAVORABLE TO THIS PROPOSAL. ASKED IF THIS WOULD NOT OPEN UP POSSIBILITY OF INJECTING ARAB- ISRAELI DISPUTE INTO CSCE, DUCCI SAID GOI HAS INFORMATION INDICATING THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT SEEK TO INTERVENE, AS LONG AS TUNISIA AND ALGERIA LIMITED THEMSELVES TO MINIMAL STATEMENTS AT CONFERENCE. DUCCI RECALLED THAT IN HIS RECENT MEETING WITH MINTOFF, LATTER HAD POSED TELLING QUESTION TO HIM OF WHY ITALY WOULD NOT WANT TO HELP MODERATE ARABS. DUCCI SAID HE DID NOT SEE WHY WE COULD NOT MAKE THIS GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR ALGERIANS AND TUNISIANS, SINCE SOVIETS WOULD CERTAINLY VETO PROPOSAL ANYWAY, IN VIEW OF THEIR KNOWN AVERSION TO DISCUSSION OF MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AT CSCE AND THEIR DESIRE TO AVOID POSSIBLE PRECEDENT FOR PARTICIPATION OF CHINESE.

2. IN RESPONSE STOESSEL SAID WE FRANKLY DISAGREE WITH PROPOSAL THAT CSCE SHOULD BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE ALGERIAN AND TUNISIAN PARTICIPATION. BEYOND OUR BASIC

CONCERN ABOUT OPENING UP CSCE TO INJECTION OF ARAB- ISRAELI DISPUTE AND MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY ISSUES, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO AVOID PRECEDENT FOR INCREASING ALREADY SIZEABLE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AT CONFERENCE. WE ARE NATURALLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID OFFENDING ALGERIANS AND TUNISIANS, BUT BELIEVE THAT ARRANGEMENTS EVOLVED AT MPT WHICH FORESEE POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS BY NON- PARTICIPANTS IN STAGE II PROVIDE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE STATES TO SET FORTH THEIR VIEWS. ROGERS

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